

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application for:

Ned M. Smith

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS TO
ASSIGN TRUST TO A KEY

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Sir:

Please reconsider the present application in light of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page **2** of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page **7** of this paper.